

FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE REVIEW

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Government Accountability Office's Review of the Federal Protective Service: Preliminary Findings. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 11 through February 16, 2008

Senate Chamber

On Monday, at approximately 2 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 2248, FISA Amendments Act.

On Tuesday, Senate will continue consideration of S. 2248, FISA Amendments Act and vote on or in relation to the remaining amendments and on a motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 14, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: February 12, to hold hearings to examine Air Force nuclear security; to be followed by a closed session in SR-222, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine improvements implemented and planned by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care, management, and transition of wounded and ill servicemembers, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the strategy in Afghanistan, focusing on reports by the Afghanistan Study Group and the Atlantic Council of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

February 14, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine the strategy in Afghanistan, focusing on reports by the Afghanistan Study Group and the Atlantic Council of the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 13, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2008", 10 a.m., SD-538.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the current state of the United States economy and financial matters, 10 a.m., SR-325.

Committee on the Budget: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for defense and war costs, 10 a.m., SD-608.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health care and the budget, focusing on information technology and health care reform, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 12, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John J. Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine one year to digital television transition, focusing on consumers, broadcasters, and converter boxes, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of the Interior, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program, and the implementation of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2007, 10 a.m., SD-406.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1499, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 14, to hold hearings to examine international aspects of a carbon cap and trade program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2009 for Foreign Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:15 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 12, to hold hearings to examine ways to address healthcare workforce issues for the future, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

February 13, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)(P.L. 103-3), focusing on a fifteen year history of support for workers, 3 p.m., SD-430.

February 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 579, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, S. 1810, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the provision of scientifically sound information and support services to patients receiving a positive test diagnosis for Down syndrome or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions, S. 999, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke

prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation, S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, H.R. 20, to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis, and S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Defense in homeland security, focusing on how the military can and will contribute, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 14, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine ways to build and strengthen the Federal acquisition workforce, 9:45 a.m., SD-342.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Homeland Security, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 14, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for tribal programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 12, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Randal Hall, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, Richard H. Honaker, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Gustavus Adolphus Puryear IV, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Brian Stacy Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 12, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine federal cocaine sentencing laws, focusing on reforming the 100-to-1 crack/powder disparity, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

February 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the state secrets privilege, focusing on protecting national security while preserving accountability, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 14, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2304, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants for the improved mental health treatment and services provided to offenders with mental illnesses, S. 2449, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, relating to protective orders, sealing of cases, disclosures of discovery information in civil actions, S. 352, to provide for media coverage of Federal court proceedings, S. 2136, to address the treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy, S. 2133, to authorize bankruptcy courts to take certain actions with respect to mortgage loans in bankruptcy, and the nominations of Kevin J. O'Connor, of Connecticut, to be Associate Attorney General, and Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attor-

ney General, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: February 13, to hold hearings to examine ways to protect voters at home and at the polls, focusing on limiting abusive robocalls and vote caging practices, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for veterans programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 12, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 13, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Director of National Intelligence authorities, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: February 13, to hold hearings to examine the housing foreclosure aftermath, focusing on concerns for elderly homeowners, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 12, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Wildland Fire Management Oversight, 10 a.m., B-308 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on USDA Secretary Edward Schaefer, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Defense, on DOD Budget Overview with Secretary Robert Gates, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and, on United States Marine Corps Readiness, 2 p.m., 140-Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Management Challenges—Inspector General and GAO, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Implications of Economic Trends for Workers, Families, and the Nation, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, 9:30 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on NRCS Under Secretary Mark Rey, 2 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, 10 a.m., and, on Army Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Waste Development, and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Vehicle Technology and Gas Prices, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Land Border Enforcement, 10 a.m., and on Land Border Enforcement, 1:30 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Opportunities Lost and Costs to Society: the Social and Economic Burden of Disease, Injuries, and Disability, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of Health and Human Services, Fiscal Year 2009 Budget overview, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on House of Representatives Budget, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 14, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 13, hearing on Global Security Assessment, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Readiness at Risk: Department of Defense Security Clearance Processes, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 14, full Committee, hearing on Implications for Our Strategic Posture, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Provincial Reconstruction Teams: A Case for Interagency National Security Reform? 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the status of the implementation of the Army's medical action plan and other services' support for wounded servicemembers, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 13, hearing on Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 15, hearing on Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, February 12, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Protecting American Employees from Workplace Discrimination, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 13, full Committee, hearing on Modern Public School Facilities: Investing in the Future, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the 15th Anniversary of the Family Medical

Leave Act: Achievements and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Ketek Clinical Study Fraud: What Sanofiaventis Knew," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 13, hearing entitled "The Community Reinvestment Act: Thirty Years of Accomplishments, but Challenges Remain," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on The State of the Bond Insurance Industry, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 13, hearing on International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, 2:30 p.m., room to be announced.

February 14, Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on an Overview of Cambodia and the Need for Debt Recycling: How can the U.S. be of Assistance? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

February 14, full Committee, to mark up the following measures: The Global HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008; H. Res. 185, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations; H. Res. 854, Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany; H. Res. 865, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and violence in the region; H. Res. 909, Commemorating the courage of the Haitian soldiers that fought for American Independence in the "Siege of Savannah" and for Haiti's independence and renunciation of slavery; H. Con. Res. 154, Expressing the sense of Congress that the fatal radiation poisoning of Russian Dissident and writer Alexander Litvinenko raises significant concerns about the potential involvement of elements of the Russian Government in Mr. Litvinenko's death and about the security and proliferation of radioactive materials; H. Con. Res. 255, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated; and H. Con. Res. 278, Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008; 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 14, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on 853 Days: From Gaza Disengagement to De Facto Power? 3:15 p.m., room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 13, hearing entitled “The President’s FY 2009 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 14, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Homeland Security Intelligence at a Crossroads: the Office of Intelligence and Analysis’ Vision for 2008,” 11 a.m., Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, February 12, to consider the following: Report of the Task Force for the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida; H.R. 5159, Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008; and an amendment to Regulations Governing the Use of Official Funds: Safe-Travel-Taxi, 5 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 13, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on Problems with ICE Interrogation, Detention and Removal Procedures, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3679, State Video Tax Fairness Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on the Justice Department’s Office of Legal Counsel, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Design Law—Are Special Provisions Needed to Protect Unique Industries? 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 13, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R. 1143, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1311, Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act; H.R. 1922, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007; H.R. 816, Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act; and H.R. 3473, Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 13, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1187, Gulf of Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 1907, Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act; H.R. 2342, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 3352, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 3891, To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 14, full Committee, oversight hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 12, hearing on Myths and Facts about Human Growth Hormone, B-12, and Other Substances, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Robbing Mary to Pay Peter and Paul: the Administration’s Pay for Performance System, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 13, full Committee, to continue hearings on The Mitchell Report: The Illegal Use of Steroids in Major League Baseball, Day 2, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Surplus Property: Improving Donation and Sales Programs, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on One Year Later: Medicaid’s Response to Systemic Problems Revealed by the Death of Deamonte Driver, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, joint hearing on Federal IT Security: A Review of H.R. 4791, Federal Agency Data Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, to continue hearings on Six Years Later (Part III): Innovative Approaches to Defeating Al Qaeda, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, February 12, to consider H.R. 3521, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, February 13, hearing on NASA’s Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 14, hearing on Funding for the America COMPETES Act in the Fiscal Year 2009 Administration Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 13, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “SBIR: Advancing Medical Breakthroughs,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 14, full Committee, hearing entitled “Business Activity Taxes and their Impact on Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 13, hearing on Reviewing the Recommendations of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Runway Safety, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Reviewing the Recommendations of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Revitalization of the Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 13, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Review of Expiring Programs, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

February 13, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA FY 2009 Budget—Office of the Inspector General and Office of Information and Technology, 2:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

February 14, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining the VA's Claims Processing System, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

February 15, full Committee, to consider Views and Estimates for the Fiscal Year 2009 VA Budget, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 13, hearing on the Administration's budget proposals for fiscal year 2009, OMB, 10 a.m., and on Administration's budget proposals fiscal year 2009 for the Department of and Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 14, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare portions of the President's fiscal year 2009 budget, 12 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 13, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on Counterintelligence Hot Spots, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 14, full Committee, executive, briefing on Overhead, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 15, executive, briefing on Cyber Initiative, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, February 14, hearing entitled "Fire and Rain: How the Destruction of Tropical Forests is Fueling Climate Change," 2 p.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: February 13, to hold hearings to examine Finland's leadership of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on plans, priorities, and challenges that face the region, 11 a.m., B-318, Rayburn building.